

Health and Well Being Board

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Background/Context:	<p>This paper provides and update for the Health and Wellbeing Board about the 2020/2021 Better Care Fund (BCF) final submission to the National better Care Fund team as was required at the end of May 2021.</p> <p>It would be usual for the submission to be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to being sent however as a result of the local elections and the change is political leadership within the local authority this report is being provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the earliest opportunity. It must be noted that the submission has already been made as was required. The submission is attached at appendix 1 to this report for information.</p> <p>The current BCF has been in place since April 2017 and is based around the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality/Community Model • Hospital to Home • Carers • iBCF Schemes (including Care Close to Home, Support for providers and Living well) • Promoting Independence • Regaining Independence • Integrated Mental Health Provision • Learning Disability Services • Employment Support • Continuing Health Care • Care Act and Infrastructure • Maintenance of Adult Social Care • Continuing HealthCare and funded Nursing Care <p>Since 2018/2019 the BCF has been stable in terms of the workstreams it contains and the funding attached by both the council and the CCG to those workstreams. The only significant change has been the inclusion of both the Continuing Health Care (CHC) provision and Funded Nursing Care (FNC) following the integration of the CCG team with the councils Adult Social Care and Housing Needs Department in January 2019.</p> <p>Senior staff of both the council and the CCG are engaged in both the development and reporting for the BCF scheme and the schemes for 2021/2022 continue to be in development as central government has, to date, not released the guidance for this financial year. It is anticipated for this financial year the following activities will be required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The governance process for the BCF will be reviewed and aligned with the refresh of the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and the new Integrated Care 		

	<p>System (ICS) also reflecting the now merged CCG for Hampshire, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update in relation to BCF governance was presented to the ICP following release of the national guidance • Between September 2021 and March 2022, the current BCF schemes will be reviewed to identify effectiveness and value for money. This will inform decision around which schemes stop, carry on or are changed • On receipt of the national guidance for the BCF the Section 75 Agreement to govern the BCF for 2021/2022 will be developed in partnership by the council and the CCG. The Section 75 Agreement will provide clarity around the transfer of the CCG minimum mandated contribution to Adult Social Care and the agreed way in which that will be spent. It is accepted that the contribution will be transferred without deduction or expectation that it will be recharged against CCG service deliverables.
<p>Strategic Alignment:</p>	<p>The BCF Plan and S.75 needs to be considered within the context of the Isle of Wight Health and Care Plan to drive system transformation, financial savings and efficiencies. The S.75 agreement will remain in place as the financial and contractual vehicle between the CCG and Local Authority and supports the development of an integrated health and care partnership.</p> <p>The framework for the Better Care Fund derives from the government’s mandate to the NHS for 2019-20, issued under Section 13A of the NHS Act 2006. The BCF provides a mechanism to promote and strengthen integration of health, social care and housing planning and commissioning. And in this context the use of pooled funding arrangements remains consistent with the development of Integrated Care Systems/Partnerships (ICS/ICP).</p> <p>It brings together ring fenced CCG allocations, and funding paid directly to local government, including IBCF, DFG and winter pressures alongside locally identified budgets into pooled budget arrangements.</p> <p>The BCF Plan aligns with a number of strategic plans including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The IOW Health & Wellbeing Strategy – in particular the BCF aligns with the Living Well and Aging Well domains. • The IOW Health and Care Plan – the BCF aligns with the focus on prevention, integration and care close to home • The ASC Care Close to Home Strategy (CCtH) - which also aligns to the Councils corporate plan. The BCF provides a vehicle for delivery of CCtH core delivery and enabling pillars including: promoting wellbeing, improving wellbeing and protecting wellbeing as well as integration and partnerships and commissioning for value and impact. • The HSIOW CCGs Delivery Plan • The System Winter Resilience Plan • The Extra Care Strategy • The Disabled Facilities Grant Plan <p>It must be noted that the Health and Social Care Bill which is currently before parliament may impact on the Better Care Fund and councils and CCG staff will address any impact once it is known.</p>

Analysis of Risk:	There is significant risk to both the IOW Council, the CCG and the wider system in the event that BCF Plans and submission for future years are not agreed and subsequently approved by regulators. This risk is mitigated by thorough and early planning together with good governance. It is essential that the required reporting framework is adhered to.
Financial Impact:	For 2021/22 Finance leads in the Council and CCG will worked jointly with BCF scheme leads to review all funding allocations. The approach and detail will be worked up and agreed through the System Finance Group. This will also provide focus in ensuring any queries in relation to the level of mandated contribution by the CCG are resolved.
Involvement/ Consultation	The BCF planning template and associated Section 75 agreement is developed and updated by the IOW CCG and IOW Council. Wider stakeholders including LCB partners, have been involved in the development of the Health and Care Plan and BCF planning.
Recommendation(s) to the Board:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For information
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